

**CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER J.
FLETCHER U.S. NAVY**
Joint Base Deputy Commander
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst



A native of Ithaca, New York, Captain Fletcher graduated from Ithaca College with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and was commissioned in January 1989 through the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

He completed his flight training in May 1990. After initial instruction at Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 40, he was ordered to HSL-46 at Mayport, Florida, deploying with the USS PETERSON (DD 969) to the Red Sea as part of the USS ROOSEVELT Battle Group.

Captain Fletcher's next assignment was as an SH-60B instructor pilot with HSL-41 based at Naval Air Station North Island, California. He served as a Tactics Phase Officer and Administrative Officer. In 1996 he was named HSL-41's Instructor Pilot of the Year.

In April 1997, Captain Fletcher reported aboard USS TARAWA (LHA 1) in San Diego. He served as Mini Boss during the TARAWA's deployment to the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch.

In October 1999, Captain Fletcher transferred to HSL-37 at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He served as the Officer in Charge of Detachment Seven and deployed in USS FLETCHER (DD 992) to the Arabian Gulf with the USS LINCOLN Battle Group in support of Maritime Interception Operations and Operation Southern Watch. Upon returning to Kaneohe Bay, he served as Maintenance Officer and was named HSL-37's 2001 Officer of the Year.

Captain Fletcher's follow-on assignment was at the Naval Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee. While at NPC, he served as the Maritime Strike Helicopter Placement Officer and Assistant Aviation Captain Detailer.

Captain Fletcher reported to Atsugi, Japan as the Executive Officer of the forward deployed helicopter squadron HSL-51 in May 2005. He fleeted up to become the Commanding Officer in July 2006 and commanded the squadron until September 2007.

Captain Fletcher's follow-on assignment was to US European Command (EUCOM) in Stuttgart, Germany where he served in the Security Cooperation Programs Division. His most recent assignment was to Naval Forces Europe, Naval Forces Africa, Sixth Fleet where he was the Deputy Director for Operations.

Captain Fletcher was assigned as the deputy commander of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ and Commanding Officer of NSA Lakehurst, NJ on June 20, 2013. Captain Fletcher's individual military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various unit commendations and service campaign awards.